

Near Jacksonville, Fla.  
June 9, 1858.

Prof. A. Gray:

Dear Sir - I have  
recd. your letter of May 30<sup>th</sup> and  
the Flora - a work of inestimable  
value - I am mystified about  
your paying freight on the box  
I sent - I certainly prepaid the  
charges to Boston - probably  
the receipt was destroyed after  
hearing of its arrival, but there  
is no question about my having  
paid. To charge it against the  
Hort. Cantab. is very kind in you  
but the matter ought to be inves-  
tigated - I dislike to appear in a  
false light - either through my own  
fault or that of others. An instance  
of the former was the sending of <sup>Gammaridella</sup> instead of  
undetermined Potamogeton - Both were  
collected the same week & in the same

manner & probably got mixed -  
I am sorry my first-Fascicle has  
caused you so much trouble, but  
future Nos. can be managed differently.  
There is a Bot. Directory published  
in Europe & if I can obtain a copy  
it will probably be of service to me.  
On I right in reading the name you  
gave of the gentleman in the Br. Museum  
Dr. Carruthers?

When was Prof. Maximowicz's pkg.  
sent?  $\frac{1}{2}$  A Boston check will serve me, tho'  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  a M.O. or N.Y. draft would be more <sup>convenient</sup>.  
Your notices in U. S. journal are  
all I could desire certainly &  
I am a thousand times obliged to you.  
I think U. S. purchasers have been  
pretty well supplied by Drs. Palmer  
& Goshen.

I expect to spend the last half  
of this month up the St. John's, travelling  
in a small boat with a man to assist.  
- hope he will not serve me like

Batram's boatman, got tired of  
travelling with a "punk puggy" after  
a few days, give a whoop & vanish  
in a convenient-forest.

What a noble river is this  
broad, placid, blue St. John's -  
now incrimsoned by the setting  
sun! Here she is old & near  
her last resting place - the ocean;  
ere I write you again I hope  
to become acquainted with her  
younger self.

Very truly yours

A. A. Pursh.